

MEETING OF THE JAMAICAN-CANADIAN ASSOCIATION HELD AT
2400 DUFFERIN STREET ON SATURDAY JANUARY 8, 1983.

PRESENT:

Messrs. R. James President
H. Morris 1st Vice-Pres.
M. Bailey 2nd Vice-Pres.
R. Williams
Ms. E. Collins Executive Secy.
Ms. D. Bailey
Mrs. H. Johnston Treasurer
Mrs. O Frankson

ABSENT: Messrs. M. Thompson

A. Curling
A. Telfer
R. Gray

The meeting was called to order at 2.27 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Executive Secretary. Mr. Williams moved for the adoption of the minutes seconded by Ms. D. Bailey.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Ms. Bailey asked if Mr. Wallace had handed over to the Treasurer the documents referred to in the minutes. The reply was no.

Mr. Morris asked if the Treasurer met with the Auditors to straighten out the Association's finances. Reply- No.

FORMATION OF
FINANCE COMMITTEE
TO MONITOR THE

ASSCN.'S FINANCES Mr. Bailey suggested that this Committee be formed immediately so that the Association's books can be brought up-to-date.

It was suggested that the Treasurer and Mr. Morris be asked to serve on this committee. *Rejed Ray M.L.B.* Mr. Morris accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Executive Secretary read important features of letters received from Funding Institutions, Politicians and Individuals (See the attached list)

Particular mention was made of a letter received from Mr. Allan Singers requesting a response to his proposal that his group sell a series of paintings depicting life in Jamaica, through the JCA. The Executive Secretary was asked to reply to Mr. Singers saying we would like to see some of his paintings, and inviting him to attend the next executive meeting.

At this point, it was decided that the minutes of an Executive meeting held at Mr. Williams' residence December 11, 1982, which was read by Ms. Collins earlier, should be discussed.

Mr. Morris said the two reasons given in the minutes for the existence of the Association Namely: "To meet the socio-psychological needs of our membership and to meet the problem-solving needs of the larger Caribbean and black community", should be itemized in the different areas for clarification. All agreed.

After discussing some of the proposals contained in the minutes, it was decided that they should be brought up at the next executive meeting for further discussions.

Mr. Bailey expressed the hope that the proposal that we endeavour to find a building to suit our needs be given immediate attention.

REPORTS

The President in his report mentioned a Damino Tournament to be held in Toronto, in which he and other male members of the Executive will participate. The Tournament he said, being an important one, the Association should gain some mileage from it.

He also mentioned a Basket Ball team (95% of its members are Jamaicans) which will be playing against a team in Winnipeg. The team however, needs an additional \$700 to make the trip possible. It was suggested that the Association supports the event by contributing \$100. *was this done*

Among the proposals submitted by the President was that of an Appreciation Reception & Dinner to show appreciation to as many people as possible who have in one way or the other given the Association their support, including the Premier of Ontario. The function will be the responsibility of the Executive. Each member will be expected to take on certain responsibilities and to work closely with his/her committee to effectively carry out the arrangements for the function.

The venue is to be decided on. Suggested contribution is \$15 to \$20 per person. JCA members will be allowed a discount of \$2.50 each or \$5 per couple. A list of persons to be honoured is to be prepared by the President, Executive and Committees members.

It was suggested that a date be set aside for the discussion of these proposals.

INDEPENDENCE
CELEBRATIONS:

The President said members of the Executive will be involved in the arrangements for the celebrations. *Block of seats*

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Mr. Williams Chairman, apologized for not submitting a written report since he has not yet met with his committee.

SENIORS DINNER: Approximately 40 seniors attended the dinner which was a success. From contributions from sponsors, the Committee came out with a net balance. Mr. Williams said since this will be an annual event, his committee would like to hold this amount for 1983. All agreed.

CHILDREN PARTY: There was a large number of children in attendance. Gifts ran out and had to be replenished.

FOOD BASKET:

36 needy families received food baskets. The Ministry of Agriculture donated toward the Food Baskets and requires a list of persons to whom baskets were given to enable them to complete their files.

NEW YEAR's EVE
DANCE

: The attendance was not up to expectations, resulting in a financial loss to the Association. It was however, felt that the Association got some mileage from the event.

MEMBERSHIP
Mr. Williams was asked to convey to his committee the Executive's commendation for their hard work.

Ms. Bailey Chairperson, said reports were not required for the Newsletter since reports would be given at the annual general meeting. She made mention of Certificates to be given to persons who have been members of the Association for 10 years and over.

Ms. Collins suggested that Ms. Bailey prepares a list of such members for the awards presentation which will take place at the Jamaica Independence Celebration.

Ms. Bailey said there are 206 paid up members.

Mr. Bailey suggested that inactive members be sent Newsletters on an annual basis.

Mrs. Frankson asked if the Association ever considered inviting people who are not interested in becoming members, to become associated members. Reply was- No.

Mr. Bailey said the people the Project workers are reaching should be invited to become ~~members~~ associate members. This he said would augment the membership and provide proof its size. *See for Assoc.*

ALL PURPOSES COMMITTEE :

was done

Mr. Bailey Chairman, said his projects are progressing. Four people have been employed. We now have in office a Typist who performs other office duties. The others have been working on projects. Mr. Williams who was attached to the Caribbean Outreach Project has resigned and was replaced by Mr. Brian. Mr. Bailey said this project ends March 1983, and it is imperative that he meets with the Treasurer and the Management Committee to go into the accounts covering this project. Even if the book-keeping is to be done on this project alone he said. Information must be provided of what is left of the budget for the year, expenses since September to December and all other expenses for the project. He said a report should also be prepared for the annual general meeting.

O.H.I.P:

Did he find out

Mr. Bailey suggested a group coverage for the project workers through the JCA, as this would be more economical for them. He would find out how many of them were already covered.

TREASURER'S REPORT :

The treasurer gave a verbal report on the state of the Association's finances. She said spending must be curtailed in order to avoid a deficit. As a result of an overdraft of \$6000 she had to cancel a fixed deposit account of \$7000.

The President asked if these accounts were the Association's or funds received from Government. The Treasurer said a part belonged to COMSAC.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Morris Chairman, submitted a statement showing the proceeds from the School-a-Child fund-raising dinner, and the financial position of that project. He said his committee was planning another fund-raising event. He also said he and Ms. Bev. Folkes had gone to see a teacher at a school in North York regarding a Jamaican child who was wrongly graded.

Mr. Morris has been in touch with the World Literacy Organization. This Organization he said does international funding.

He said that Organization is offering the JCA membership at an annual fee of \$50. He outlined the benefits the Association would receive by accepting. It was agreed that the Association would join.

Mr. Morris suggested that the 4 workers recently employed be invited to the next executive meeting to be introduced to the Executive. All agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Williams asked if the Treasurer received any further amounts for last year's independence dinner. If there is still an outstanding balance, what is the position of the Executive regarding the report on this for the annual general meeting.

J.A.'S INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

: Mr. Bailey said if we are to sell Jamaicans the idea of this celebration, we have to find some place cheaper than a Hotel where more people can attend.

The President said the Executive should be involved in making arrangements for the occasion.

The President's proposal re reception for Jamaican employees in Toronto was shelved.

The appreciation Dinner for the Premier of Ontario remains ~~an idea in principle~~ *was accepted in principle*

*when the
Brochures
will ready* Approval was given for 1,000 copies of the JCA's Brochures to be ordered at a cost of \$75.

Guest speaker for the Annual General Meeting will be Mr. Tom Sosa, Vice-President of Ryerson, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Immigration and Manpower. If Mr. Sosa is unable to attend, Judge Charles will be asked to be guest speaker.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

New Business

EXPENDITURES

Refreshments

Town and City

Entertainment

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

O. L. Frankson
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EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER RECEIPTS

This was another first for the Association. We felt that there would be a lot of people for whom Christmas would be especially bleak this year. We

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

TO THE JCA EXECUTIVE

January 29, 1983

This report covers all the events from November to the end of January and also includes a look ahead for the remainder of 1983.

SENIOR CITIZENS' DINNER

The Senior Citizens' Dinner was held for the first time this year. It was held on November 14, 1982 at the Grant A.M.E. Church, 22 Soho Street, Toronto. Approximately 60 persons were in attendance, about 45 of whom were seniors. WE asked members and others to sponsor a Senior Citizen at \$5.00 per person. The response was very satisfying. We received \$295.00 in donations and we spent \$195.00 on provisions and gratuity for use of the Church. There thus remains a credit balance of about \$100.00. This amount we wish to have earmarked for this event in 1983. We are therefore requesting that the Association invest this amount for us at 10% until we need it for the next Senior Citizens' Dinner which is scheduled for September, 1983.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This event was conducted on Sunday, December 19, 1982 at Falstaff Community Centre. The event was well attended, especially by children in the area. We may have underestimated the number who would be in attendance. As a consequence we ran out of gifts. However, there was a lot to eat and drink and good entertainment for the children. We think we provided some joy for many children whose Christmas may otherwise not been as bright. It may be not a bad idea to hold our Christmas parties near such centres where the less advantaged may also benefit. The Financial Report is as follows;

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| CASH DONATIONS RECEIVED | \$168.00 |
| Non-Cash Donations (Unspecified) | ???.00 |

EXPENDITURES:

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| Refreshments | \$ 96.27 |
| Toys and Gifts | 266.57 |
| Entertainment | <u>40.00</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | <u>402.84</u> |
| EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER RECEIPTS | \$234.84 |
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CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

This was another first for the Association. We felt that there would be a lot of people for whom Christmas would be especially bleak this year. We

obtained two (2) cases of 7-up from the 7-Up Company of Canada, a \$10.00 food certificate from The Oshawa Group (Food City) and one \$25.00 cash donation. Just as we were beginning to worry as to how we were going to pull this thing off the miracle happened. Mrs. Bev Salmon came to the rescue and through her good offices placed us in touch with the Hon. Dennis Timbrell, Minister of Agriculture and Food for Ontario. The Minister provided 25 large boxes of assorted foods and turkeys. This was then repackaged into 36 food baskets which were delivered to people in the Community before Christmas. We express gratitude to those who contributed and those of our members who gave of their time to repackage and deliver the Christmas boxes.

If we continue this service we should develop a mechanism for identifying the needy---especially the needy within the Association. These should be served first with the remainder going to the non-members.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The final event of the year was the New Year's Eve Party. This event was good. We were pleased with the attendance. We would have been even more pleased had we had another 25 bodies. We would have also appreciated the attendance of ALL of the Executive Committee members with guests. However, those who attended enjoyed themselves. The live and recorded music and entertainment was good. The food was good. The atmosphere, decor and service were good. We think people had a good time. We did have some co-ordination problems with the buffet, the music, dancing time and so on. Also the evening was too short. Other than that we were generally pleased with the outcome. The Financial report follows:

REVENUES:

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| 126 tickets @ \$35.00 each | \$4,410.00 |
| 5 Dance tickets @ \$15.00 each | 75.00 |
| 4 Band tickets @ \$20.00 each | 80.00 |
| 18 Executive/Committee tickets @ \$20.00 each | 360.00 |
| Bottle Raffle | 56.50 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$4,981.50 |

EXPENDITURES:

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|---|-------------------|
| Hotel | \$2,743.00 |
| Band and Disco | 1,300.00 |
| Entertainment (Singers) | 500.00 |
| Advertising and Promotion | 295.91 |
| Decorating and Party Favors | 173.30 |
| Bottle Raffle | 25.40 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 5,137.61 |
| EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER RECEIPTS | \$1,156.10 |

716-34 Keith Hill Rd.

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As you can see, with a slightly higher attendance and broader support, we would have made it. I have conveyed to the Committee the chastisement by the Executive for retaining the Entertainer's cost which in fact reduced the prospects for a profit. They (we) have been duly chastened.

I have collected so far \$4,506.50. Balance uncollected so far is \$545.00. If I collect all of this it will mean an additional \$70.00 (2 tickets) that were sold and not included in the above accounting. This would mean we have at least broken even. I am keeping my fingers crossed.

All in all, I think we had a good year. My Committee members worked really hard and I am very pleased with their efforts.

I am submitting the list of persons and organizations who made contributions to our various functions towards the end of the year. I am herewith requesting the President and/or the Executive Secretary to send out letters of thanks for their contributions and to lay the groundwork for further contributions in the future. I am also submitting the list of persons who made cash or other contributions for which Income Tax receipts are to be provided (along with the letter of thanks). These matters should be attended to with maximum dispatch.

FOR THE FUTURE

Events which are being planned for this year are as follows:

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| APRIL 3 | <u>ANNUAL BUN AND CHEESE PARTY</u> |
| MAY 28 | <u>SPRING DANCE, Elmbank Community Centre, Etobicoke</u> |
| JULY 17 | <u>JCA ANNUAL PICNIC</u> |
| AUGUST 5 - 7 | <u>21ST INDEPENDENCE FESTIVAL</u> <u>Possible GROUP FLIGHT TO JAMAICA</u> |
| SEPTEMBER 2 - 5 | <u>BUS TRIP TO QUEBEC CITY</u> |
| SEPTEMBER ????? | <u>SENIOR CITIZENS' DINNER</u> |
| OCTOBER 7 - 10 | <u>BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY</u> |
| NOVEMBER 12 | <u>MEET AND FEED SOCIAL, Elmbank Community Centre</u> |
| DECEMBER 18 | <u>CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY</u> |
| DECEMBER 31 | <u>NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY</u> |

The plan for JAM-FEST is to include it as part of the 21st Anniversary Independence Festival. Plans for this will soon be started.

Finally, we would dearly love to have a building THIS YEAR from which to conduct most of our functions. We plan to avoid hotels as much as possible.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of
THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

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Objectives & Newsletters

Profile on outstanding members in the Black Community
Telephone directory

Activities

Participation in Caravan to Barbados Ass.
Participation in P.C.'s Conference Sept 1962
Assisting Social C. in putting the
black Com for Senior a.k.a for
Needy people for Christmas basket

Membership

48 New members

206 paid up members.

members Certificates for members who have
served the Assn consecutively for 10 years
or more

Thanking

members on my Committees who have
worked ardently to make the Committee
Iona & Wesley Grant for producing
profiles on Phyllis Morgan a past
member of the Assn. Mr. Samuel. Far
who is an outstanding basketball athlete.

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